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**MAIL STOP PATENT APPLICATION**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450



Re: Application of Joseph LAKOWICZ, Zygmunt GRYCZYNSKI, and Chris  
GEDDES  
OPTICAL STRUCTURES FOR METAL-ENHANCED FLUORESCENCE  
SENSING  
Assignee: UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND, BALTIMORE  
Our Ref. A8541

Dear Sir:

Attached hereto is the application identified above comprising 16 sheets of the specification, including the claims and abstract and 12 sheets of drawings. The executed Declaration and Power of Attorney and Assignment will be submitted at a later date. Also enclosed is an Information Disclosure Statement and PTO/SB/08 A & B (modified).

Amend the specification by inserting before the first line the following sentence:

This application claims benefit of Provisional Application Nos. 60/401,459 and

60/401,460 filed August 6, 2002, the disclosure of which is incorporated herein by reference.

Applicant claims benefit of small entity status in accordance with 37 CFR § 1.27.

The Government filing fee is calculated as follows (**Small Entity fees apply**):

Total claims	<u>24</u>	-	20	=	<u>4</u>	x	\$9.00	=	<u>\$36.00</u>
Independent claims	<u>4</u>	-	3	=	<u>1</u>	x	\$42.00	=	<u>\$42.00</u>
Base Fee									<u>\$375.00</u>

<b>TOTAL FEE</b>									<b><u>\$453.00</u></b>
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A check for the statutory filing fee of \$453.00 is attached. The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account. A duplicate copy of this transmittal letter is attached.



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Priority is claimed from:

<u>Country</u>	<u>Application No</u>	<u>Filing Date</u>
U.S. Provisional	August 6, 2002	60/401,459
U.S. Provisional	August 6, 2002	60/401,460

Respectfully submitted,  
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